

WOMAN SLAIN, SAYS CORONER.

Jackson Believes Miss Gruner, Just from Salt Lake City, Was Murdered.

POLICE CALL IT SUICIDE. REVELLERS IN A PANIC.

Victim Heard Only a Few Days Ago that Man to Whom She Was Engaged Had Married Another.

Another woman with strange connections with the land of the Mormons was found dead in her room in a west-side boarding-house to-day, and there are strong indications that she has been murdered by a man.

At first the police were inclined to think that she had killed herself in consequence of a love affair, but after Coroner Jackson had viewed the body he expressed the belief that the woman had been strangled to death.

The victim's name was Miss Marie Gruner, of Salt Lake City. She roomed in the boarding-house of Mrs. Emily Sneed, at No. 117 West Forty-eighth street, and it was here that her body was found by her landlady and her employer, Mme. Rachel Oatman, a dressmaker, at No. 18 West Thirty-third street.

Her face was perfectly black and her tongue protruded from her mouth. There were also traces of blood in her mouth. Her throat was so swollen and discolored that it was difficult to tell whether the marks on it were the result of violence or not.

Found Cigar Ashes.

Coroner Jackson found cigar ashes on the mantelpiece in the woman's room, and he took this to mean that a man had been there recently. A servant in the house said that she thought she heard some one moving about in the room last night, but no one had seen the woman for some time.

Capt. Schmittberger, however, thinks that the woman died of heart failure or as the result of a hemorrhage. The body of the woman, which was found, was locked on the inside, and there was no way, he says, for any one who had married her to get into the room through the door. An autopsy will be held to-night.

According to Mme. Oatman the girl came to her about two weeks ago from Salt Lake City and began work in her shop. She was in the room for about eight days, which is kept by Mrs. Emily Sneed. She took the best room in the place and was thought to be rich.

As a matter of fact, over \$1,000 worth of jewelry was found in her room to-day.

She worked steadily in the shop until about a week ago, when there came a letter to her in the care of her employer. When Mme. Oatman gave it to her, she was young and open in the former's presence. There was nothing in it but a newspaper clipping. When she read it she became very pale and almost fainted. She was unable to work any more and left the shop.

She never returned to-day. Mme. Oatman went to her boarding-house to inquire why she had not come to work. Mrs. Sneed told her that the girl had been seen about the house yesterday by one of the other boarders, but she admitted that she had not seen her for several days.

Together the two women went to her room. They could not get in and sent for Detective Lohmeyer, of the West Forty-seventh street station. He broke in the door.

Miss Gruner was on the bed fully dressed. By the bed on a chair was a paper on which were some white crystals. There was also on the bed the clipping which had come in the letter from Salt Lake City. It was headed "Secretly Wedded."

It told of the marriage of Fred T. McGurran, a young Salt Lake City lawyer, to a Miss Estelle Crystal in Colorado Springs last May. The secret had just leaked out and some kind friend had apparently sent Miss Gruner the news.

VOLCANO DRIVES BACK CABLE SHIP.

Newington, Forced to Run from the Violent Outpouring of Soufriere, Had a Narrow Escape.

ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, Sept. 22.—The cable steamer Newington, bound for St. Lucia end of the St. Vincent cable Sunday afternoon, four and a half miles from the Soufriere on the island of St. Vincent, and had just finished buoying it when there was a violent eruption of the volcano without the slightest warning.

The steamer thereupon headed away from the land, followed by dense clouds of smoke. She had a narrow escape, and it is considered inadvisable for her to engage in further operations there, especially as the cable was found to be greatly damaged. The Newington will proceed to St. Thomas for a cable to complete the repair of the St. Lucia-Grenada section.

A violent eruption of the Soufriere was observed Sunday night from St. Lucia.

A despatch from Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, dated Thursday, Sept. 18, and received here last night, announced that there was an eruption of the Soufriere at midnight, Wednesday, but no loss of life. A peculiarity of this eruption, it was added, was found in the fact that no dust or scoriae were emitted by the volcano. Flames were seen flickering above the crater and they were accompanied by eternal, thunder-like explosions.

HELD FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

Rochester Grand Jury Indicts Leland D. Kent.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Leland D. Kent was to-day held by the Coroner for the Grand Jury, charged with the murder of Ethel Blanche Dingle.

All the witnesses before the Coroner's inquest are being held here and the Grand Jury is considering the case this afternoon.

DANCERS SEE MAN SLAIN.

Owner of Harlem Lyceum Is Stabbed and Thrown from Balcony by Intruders.

REVELLERS IN A PANIC.

Two Men with Knives Pursue Manager of Hall and Strike Down Victim When He Intercepts Them.

Dancers in a merry whirl of revelry were thrown into a panic early to-day by a murder committed in their midst, the victim being repeatedly stabbed and thrown from a balcony as they looked on.

Edward Renterman, forty years old, the proprietor of the Harlem Lyceum, at the northwest corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventh street, was the man killed, and the scene of the crime was in his dancing hall on the second floor.

Two men were arrested and one has been identified as being responsible for Renterman's death.

The police of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station say that Renterman was evading the Sunday liquor law by having incorporated organs in his hold dances in his hall, over the saloon, on Sunday.

The Joe Bang Association gave a "ball" yesterday afternoon and the "Kid" Bangs Association gave another at night. There was dancing and plenty of beer served.

Started a Fight.

After midnight the dance was at its height, the hall being crowded with men and women. Two men, described as "well-dressed Italians," entered the hall, having paid the small admission. It is said they started to fight with other dancers at once.

Manager Furman ordered them out of the hall and they attacked him. As they drew knives the women shrieked and sought refuge in the coat rooms and side corridors.

Furman ran to the balcony with the two men in pursuit. There Renterman, the proprietor, was sitting with guests. He went to the assistance of the manager, and the two strangers attacked him.

He was knocked down and stabbed several times, and while the women were screaming and the men stampeding for the doors the two assailants picked up Renterman, raised him to the railing and dropped him head first over the balcony.

The two men fled from the hall, followed by a crowd of men who pursued them down Third avenue. At One Hundred and Fourth street they separated, and Policeman Fay caught one of them. The other escaped.

At the police station the captured man said he was Frank Falino, twenty years old, of No. 80 Fifth street, Long Island City. He was identified by a number of persons in the hall as one of the assailants.

Place Has Bad Record.

Two hours later Joseph McGinty, twenty-one years old, of No. 39 East Ninety-second street, applied at Bellevue Hospital for treatment for several slight stab wounds, which he said he had received in a fight in the Harlem Lyceum. His wounds were dressed, and he was turned over to the police, who think he was a participant in the fight.

Renterman, unconscious, was sent to the Harlem Hospital, where he died in three hours.

While the fight was in progress Renterman's wife and three children were asleep on the upper floor of the building.

The Harlem Lyceum, under Renterman's management, has figured prominently in police reports. It has been the scene of many fights, some of them serious. About seven months ago a man was murdered in the hall during a dance by a jealous husband.

Falino and McGinty were remanded to the Coroner when arraigned before Magistrate Crane in the Harlem Police Court. Both denied their guilt.

Another version of the trouble which the police learned was that Renterman had been struck over the head with a beer glass during the fight.

TYSON NOT EXAMINED.

Hearing on Charges of Internal Revenue Officials Postponed.

By consent of counsel, the examination of George J. Tyson and George Bascom, the officials of Tyson & Co., the corporation owning the news stands in the leading hostilities throughout the city, scheduled for to-day before United States Commissioner Hitchcock, was adjourned until Oct. 10.

Tyson and Bascom are charged by the United States Internal Revenue officials with having failed to cancel the revenue stamps on cigar boxes, and also with selling empty imported cigar boxes with "stuffers," a cheap stuff manufactured in Key West.

Messrs. Tyson and Bascom deny the charges, and pronounce them ridiculous.

GEMS IN STOLEN CASE.

Governor's Secretary Gets Property—Accused Man Taken to Saratoga.

James H. Palmer, who was arrested at the Grand Central Station yesterday, charged with stealing a dress-suit case belonging to Major Harrison K. Bird, Military Secretary to Gov. Odell, was arraigned in Yorkville Court to-day and turned over, to the custody of Detective James Hennessey, who came from Saratoga for him.

The dress-suit case, which was recovered, contained among other things one Tiffany diamond horseshoe pin, one small horseshoe pin, one coral scarfpin, one round, rough gold pocket set with diamonds, plain gold cuff buttons marked "H. K. B.", and a single gold cuff button marked "H. K. B.", East 90th Street, N. Y. C.

THESE THREE WOMEN WERE BANKER FISH'S COMPANIONS AT THE TIME HE WAS MURDERED



THIS IS MRS. PHILLIPS. THIS IS MRS. PICKLE. THIS IS MRS. CASEY. Sketched at the inquest to-day.

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over in a corner. He said, "I'll go up with you."

Trojan met us in the hall and said to Sharkey: "You hit that old man. Yes, and you would have hit him, too," said Sharkey. I wanted to get more out of him, but he said, "The best you get out of me is nothing."

Dr. O'Hanlon said that Mr. Fish had been identified at Roosevelt Hospital by James H. Lewis, of No. 141 East Sixty-ninth street, who is Sexton at St. Mark's Church.

The Waiter's Story.

Relleck, head waiter at Ehrhardt's saloon, No. 28 West Thirty-fourth street, where Mr. Fish was killed, was the next witness. While he was testifying Stuyvesant Fish, telephone to the Coroner's office to ask if the inquest was going on. He soon appeared and took a seat a few feet behind Sharkey, inside the rail.

Relleck, the witness, said:

"I know Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Phillips. I saw them at the restaurant at about 1:30 o'clock on Sept. 15. Mr. Fish came in with the ladies. I thought, 'He was directly behind them as they came through the door. They sat at a table in the rear of the restaurant. I served them several rounds of drinks. When Sharkey came in he took a drink at the bar, and then looking through the door saw Mrs. Phillips. He went into the restaurant."

"Sharkey said down it was not at the table with Mr. Fish. Then the ladies called him over. They were on good terms, but after while they separated. I had to go in to tell them to keep quiet. Mr. Fish drew out a check to me."

Mrs. Casey Called.

Mrs. Nellie Casey was the first of the women witnesses to go on the stand. "I went to meet my sister, Mrs. Phillips, and I saw them at a table with Mr. Fish and joined them. Mr. Fish invited me to have a drink and I ordered a glass of beer. After a while Mr. Sharkey came in. I told Mrs. Phillips of it and she invited him over. He and Mr. Fish got on well. They had shirts of the same kind. Mr. Fish noticed it and he said:

"Hello, you've got a shirt like mine. I paid \$18 for it, and it's been on my back through a three-day racket."

"Well, I've had mine on through a four-day racket," answered Sharkey. "I had to be introduced. A. Yes, Mrs. Phillips introduced them. I forget what name she used in introducing."

Mrs. Pickle Testifies.

Mrs. Pickle, whose testimony the police

had been anxious to secure, was not a material witness. She lived at No. 517 West One Hundred and Fifty-first street, she said, and gave her testimony as though she was testifying a piece.

She told the same story of the check incident, but when the trouble started she left, she declared. William Anderson told her Mr. Fish had met the two women. She said:

"He was standing in front of the West Side Bank when I saw him. The women looked across the street at him and then as they passed into the dining room they stopped at the door and gave him a look. That meant to go over and join them. He crossed the street and followed them into the restaurant."

"It was three hours later when I saw Mr. Fish come out. He had just reached the step leading to the sidewalk when Sharkey rushed out and struck him. Ivan Junker, of No. 44 East One Hundred and Second street, was waiting to board a Thirty-fourth street Crosstown car when he saw the assault. He said:

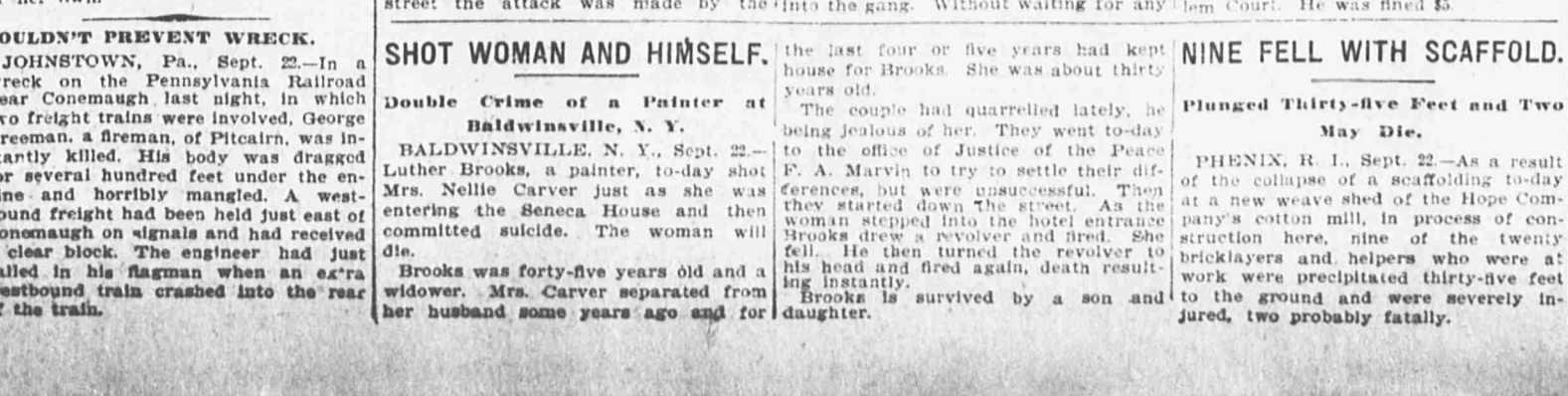
"The old man walked out rather unsteadily and shakily, then Sharkey rushed out and hit him under the eye. The old man's head struck the walk with a terrible crash. Sharkey ran away and a woman came out of the restaurant, and after she looked at the man, she said, 'Nobody struck him.'"

Coroner Jackson in his charge to the jury said that the autopsy showed Mr. Fish had cirrhosis of the liver, enlargement of the liver and spleen and fatty degeneration of the heart and that under the stimulation of liquor a little excitement might have caused his death.

It was, he said, for the jury to decide whether he had fallen from illness or from the effect of Sharkey's blow. The jury was only five minutes in reaching its verdict. Sharkey received the announcement without the slightest show of emotion.

CHASED ROWDIES IN AUTOMOBILE WHO BLINDED HUSBAND WITH DUST.

While Edward Hayes Holds One Tough Till Policeman Comes, His Wife Pursues the Others with the Machine.



Edward Hayes.

There is a gang of rowdies who frequent Seventy-third avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and take delight in throwing mud or the first missile that comes to hand at the automobiles.

Edward Hayes, of No. 225 Seventh avenue, who has an automobile manufacturing establishment at No. 33 East Fifty-eighth street, has suffered from the assaults of the gang.

Last night Hayes was coming down Seventh avenue in his auto with his wife, his sister, Mrs. Florence Whitaker, and a friend, Mrs. Lily Beardsworth. As the party approached they saw their old enemies, the mud-throwers, and Hayes had his weather eye open. At the corner of Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street the attack was made by the

WIDOW PURSUES RICH RANCHMAN

Mrs. Mercer Demands Seizure of Baldur Consignment of Wool Sent by Texan.

GOT VERDICT FOR \$50,000

Sued Him For Breach of Promise and Won, but Has Been Unable to Collect the Money.

Mrs. Almee C. Mercer, forty years old, a short, stout widow, went into the office of Sheriff De Branga, Queens County to-day and asked him to send some deputy sheriffs to Manhattan to take possession of a large consignment of wool sent from Texas by Christian Baldur, against whom Mrs. Mercer won a \$50,000 verdict in a breach of promise suit some time ago.

Baldur is a rich ranchman in Texas, and Mrs. Mercer met him in New York several months ago. She was then staying at the Netherlands Hotel, while Baldur lived in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The breach of promise suit was brought before Supreme Court Justice Garretson, and Mrs. Mercer was represented on that occasion by Lawyer Osgoodby, of No. 111 Broadway. The widow produced about sixty letters written by the wealthy Texan in which marriage was proposed and discussed.

But the Texan did not keep his word, and hence the action, which was for \$50,000. Mrs. Mercer won the suit, but she could not collect her money, notwithstanding her strenuous efforts in this direction.

A few days ago information reached her to the effect that her former lover had consigned a large quantity of wool to his New York brokers.

Sheriff De Branga said he was ready to take possession of the wool provided the widow furnished a bond which would secure him, and that as notes would be given on the wool she would have to pay them off before he could take action.

NITHSDALE IS SAFE.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Sept. 22.—The reports which reached here Sept. 15 of the foundering of the British steamer Nithsdale, which ran ashore on a reef south of Cardva Island, in the Indian ocean, Sept. 8, were untrue. She is steamed here this morning under her own steam, accompanied by the British cruiser Fox.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

WOODBURY, N. J., Sept. 22.—George K. Carroll, City Clerk, was found dead in bed this morning. His death was caused by heart disease. He was prominent in Republican politics here.

**FOUR MEN DEAD
IN MINE EXPLOSION**

Dynamite Blast Ignites Gas in the Stafford Colliery, Near Fairmont, W. Va.—Many Men Badly Hurt.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Sept. 22.—By an explosion of gas in the Stafford mines of the New Central Coal Company near here to-day, four men were killed, six badly wounded and several others were hurt. The explosion is said to have been caused by the firing of a charge of dynamite.

At the time of the accident there were only twenty-five men at work, and all have been accounted for. Supt. Stewart was at the mine when the explosion occurred and took charge of the rescued miners. The most serious cases were sent to the hospital. All the bodies were recovered.

**OUR TROOPS TAKE
SEVEN MORE FORTS.**

Many Natives Are Killed and Wounded by the Force Under Capt. John J. Pershing—No American Losses.

MANILA, Sept. 22.—Up to Sunday the force commanded by Capt. John J. Pershing, of the Fifteenth Infantry, operating against the Moros in the island of Mindanao, had met with slight resistance in the Maclin country and had captured seven forts, killed twenty-five and wounded twenty Moros. There were no American casualties.

Capt. Pershing's courier reached Brigadier Samuel S. Sumner at Camp Vickers to-day. The captain reported that he first moved on Gapan, where the troops took three forts. Then they pushed on to Bayabao and captured two forts. From there the column proceeded to Sanir and captured two more forts. From Pantnan to Sanir, in the country dominated by the Sultans of Uall and Batig, the column was frequently fired upon. Capt. Pershing communicated with the Maclin Sultans, but they refused to recognize the Americans and remained obstinate.

As announced in a despatch from Manila Sept. 19, Capt. John J. Pershing, at the head of a battalion of infantry, two troops of cavalry and two guns, left Camp Vickers, Island of Mindanao, on Wednesday, Sept. 17, to operate against the Sultan of Batig, whose fort is situated seven miles southeast of Camp Vickers.

NINE FELL WITH SCAFFOLD.

Plunged Thirty-Five Feet and Two May Die.

PHENIX, R. I., Sept. 22.—As a result of the collapse of a scaffolding to-day at a new wave shed of the Hope Company's cotton mill, in process of construction here, nine of the twenty bricklayers and helpers who were at work were precipitated thirty-five feet to the ground and were severely injured, two probably fatally.

SHOT DEAD BEFORE WIFE.

M. David, Paris Stock Broker, Murdered by Artist.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—A sensation has been caused in financial circles here by the publication of a despatch from Etretat on the English Channel, not far from Harz, announcing that a Parisian artist named Sydon fired several shots to-day with a revolver at M. David, the well-known stock broker of Paris, who was walking along the sea front with his wife.

M. David died on the spot. The motive of the murder is not known.

STRIKE TO GO ON, SAYS MITCHELL.

Mine Workers' President Goes Back to Wilkesbarre Without Seeing Morgan.

END IS NOT IN SIGHT.

Declares Situation to Be To-day Exactly Like It Was When 147,000 Miners Struck Four Months Ago.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, went back to Wilkesbarre to-day without seeing any of the coal magnates, and the situation in the anthracite coal strike is exactly the same as it was four months ago.

"I do not expect to see any of the operators, nor do I expect to see Mr. Morgan, before my return to Wilkesbarre," said Mr. Mitchell.

"I came to New York solely for the purpose of addressing the Madison Square mass-meeting Saturday night and attending the benefit for the striking miners under the auspices of the Actors' Protective Union at the Miners' Bowery Theatre last night, where \$2,500 was realized."

"I shall return to Wilkesbarre to-day. It is not true that the men are returning or want to return to work. The situation of four months ago, when 147,000 miners went out, is not changed."

Must Have Aid.

"From day to day I am hopeful for a settlement. So long as we receive outside aid just so long as the miners hold out. Thus far we have been able to relieve all acute cases of need. There are thousands and thousands of miners to-day who are in destitute circumstances and who are holding out for principle. We are not relieved."

"This is the hardest struggle that organized labor has ever had in 100 the same men struck for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages. They won."

"These same men are now striking for a few cents more. They are asking for a decrease of 20 per cent. in the hours of labor."

"They believe that no man should be compelled to work in the mines at the risk of his life for more than eight hours a day."

"We have been working ten hours. The condition of the miners is well known to all people. It is a disgraceful condition. It can be compared with the miner. He risks his life every time he goes into the shaft."

"So far as ending the strike is concerned, it seems to be in the hands of the operators."

Do You Look for an Extra Session of the Pennsylvania Legislature?

"That is something I cannot speak about," he replied. "It may happen. The Governor has said that he will call Gov. Stone on his return to Pennsylvania, and was mysterious and non-committal when asked to say anything about his recent conference with the Governor."

Mitchell left the Ashland House about 10 o'clock and walked rapidly to Madison Square, where he jumped into a cab.

He returned to the Ashland House at 10:30 o'clock. He denied that he had seen any of the operators, or that any one connected with the strike during his absence. He soon left for Wilkesbarre.

John Fahy, President of District No. 8, who accompanied Mitchell to this city, left early this morning for Scranton, where he is due to speak at a mass meeting.

President Cruesdale, of the Lackawanna Railroad, was the only coal road President in the city this forenoon. He said he knew nothing of Mr. Mitchell's presence here and was not interested. He declared that the operators are asking to propose to the strike leader, and said he was satisfied that the mine strike was rapidly nearing an end.

**COAL MINE STRIKERS
HOLD UP A TRAIN.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

TAMAQUA, Pa., Sept. 22.—When the Buffalo express on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, north bound, reached Mahanoy Plane to-day it was held up by strikers who went through it in search of strike breakers. It was delayed for fifteen minutes.

At Mahanoy City strikers' pickets turned back a dozen non-union men on their way to the North Mahanoy washery. In the Shamokin district at least seventy-five new men were turned back at the various collieries. Further breaks are expected during the week.

The amount of relief, 11 per cent, now being distributed to each miner, is the source of much dissatisfaction. The miners declare that they must return to work soon, as they cannot obtain merchandise on credit and \$1 per week is not sufficient to keep their families from starving.

**4,500 TONS OF COAL
THROUGH READING**

READING, Pa., Sept. 22.—Three trains of 150 cars of anthracite coal, about 4,500 tons, have passed through here. One-third of this is said to have been recently mined and the remainder is washery coal and anthracite which had been held in storage at Cressona.

It is said the newly mined coal all came from the west more men of Schuylkill County. The Reading Company's officials here believe that the increased shipments of washery coal promised from now on will solve the question of supplying the market with fuel during the strike. They are of the opinion, also, that more men will return during the coming week.